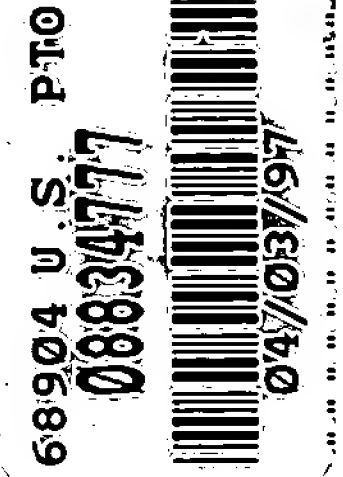


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.60, transmitted herewith for filing is a divisional application which, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, claims priority from the below-identified prior application.

Enclosed is a true copy, as originally filed, of prior application serial number 08/791,691 entitled "PROCESS OF PROVIDING MECHANICAL FASTENERS ON DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES" which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 1997. The true copy includes:

1. 32 pages of specification which, itself includes:
 - (a) a one (1) page Abstract;
 - (b) Fifty-one (51) claims; and
 - (c) 9 sheets of drawings
2. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signatures of the inventors.
3. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration.
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It is respectfully submitted that the above prior application was and is a complete application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(a)(1).

The invention claimed in the prior and this application has previously been assigned to Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

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Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

Q1 This application is a divisional of application serial number 08/791,691 entitled "PROCESS OF PROVIDING MECHANICAL FASTENERS ON DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES" and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 1997, which is a continuation of application serial number 08/335,527, filed November 7, 1994, now abandoned. The entirety of this application is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please cancel claims 21, 29-31, 33, 34, 52, and 53 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The right to obtain patent protection for the subject matter of the canceled claims is specifically reserved.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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